

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
MCALLEN DIVISION

THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE OF THE §  
STATE OF TEXAS, and GEORGE P. BUSH, §  
in his official capacity as Commissioner §  
of the Texas General Land Office, §  
*Plaintiffs,* §

v. §

Civil Action No. 7:21-cv-00272

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., in his official §  
capacity as President of the United States §  
of America; UNITED STATES §  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY; §  
AND ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, in his official §  
capacity as Secretary of the United States §  
Department of Homeland Security, §  
*Defendants.* §

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THE STATE OF MISSOURI; and §  
THE STATE OF TEXAS, §  
*Plaintiffs,* §

v. §

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capacity as President of the United States §  
of America; THE UNITED STATES OF §  
AMERICA; ALEJANDRO N. MAYORKAS, in §  
his official capacity as Secretary of the §  
United States Department of Homeland §  
Security; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT §  
OF HOMELAND SECURITY; TROY A. §  
MILLER, in his official capacity as Acting §  
Commissioner of the United States §  
Customs and Border Protection; and §  
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER §  
PROTECTION, §  
*Defendants.* §

**STATE OF TEXAS'S NOTICE OF APPEARANCE**

Plaintiff, the State of Texas, files this Notice of Appearance and hereby notifies the Court that Ryan G. Kercher will appear as counsel in the above-captioned case along with counsel listed below. Mr. Kercher is a member in good standing with the State Bar of Texas and is authorized to practice in the Southern District of Texas. His contact information is contained in the signature block below.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) on January 30, 2025, and that all counsel of record were served by CM/ECF.

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